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SUMMERSTILL

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Summer pauses in August
Like an old brown woman weary
From cottonfields longpast
Ankleswollen and backaching
The oak-slatted rocker catches her hands
Settling herself slow
Easing herself down
Creaksqueaking under her weight
Mixed with sighing groans of sweet relief
She hums the silence of Summerstill



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